



In Re Application of: David O. McGoveran
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Examiner: Andre D. Boyce
Group Art Unit: 3623
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SIR: Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Final Office Action dated 08/18/2006 for the above application.

☒ Small entity status for this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

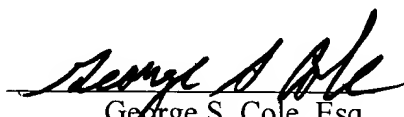
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REMARKS

This replies to the Final Office Action mailed on August 18, 2006. Claims 112-190 and 192 are pending in the application. Various Claims have been amended to correct informalities in the Claims and to thus place the Claims in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §112

The Final Office Action rejects Claims 112-190 and 192 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. This rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

Generally, the business management method (e.g., Claim 112) and apparatus (e.g., Claim 192) in accordance with the embodiments of the present invention focuses on stating goals and incorporating feedback that continuously updates a business' model to the real world, and embodies an approach that integrates transactional practice (how events occur), operational practice (how the business functions), and informational practice (what is done with the knowledge generated during transactions and/or operations). The information about a process (how it is to be done), its expectations (what the process is meant to attain), its context (what the real-world conditions are actually like), and its results (what actually occurred), is integrated into the business process as these elements are known. Furthermore, the business management method and apparatus, by integrating the feedback into the business processes themselves, forms what can be described as closed-loop decision making, in which objectively-stated expectation leads to effort leads to result leads to feedback leads to improved objectively-stated expectation.